

# ABSTRACT

**[0023]** The invention relates to a lifting device (1) comprising a top part (3), a bottom part (2), a lifting rod assembly (4) that connects the top part (3) to the bottom part (2) and is provided with at least two partial rod assemblies (5,6) which are interconnected via a central joint (16), and a drive unit (12, 14, 15, 19) for adjusting the height of the top part (3). In order to create a particularly simple lifting device, the drive unit (12, 14, 15, 19) grips the central joint (16).